MY MOTHER PASSED AWAY
AT THE YOUNG AGE OF 37.

IT WAS UNBEARABLE TO WATCH
HER SLOWLY FALL TO PIECES.

WITH YOU HERE... I'M ABLE TO LEAVE WITH A SMILE ON MY FACE.
COULD YOU FORGIVE ME... FOR LEAVING YOU WITH THIS DAMNED ILLNESS?

THAT'S WHEN I DECIDED.

I HAVE TO HAVE A CHILD TOO.

AS QUICKLY AS POSSIBLE.

AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

FRIDAY
FORBIDDEN TALES
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I'M NOT AFRAID, REALLY.

SO...
YOU CAN GIVE IT TO HIM, MOM.
NO, GIVE IT TO HIM INSTEAD. I'M REALLY FINE...

BOTH CHILD RECEIVED FAMILY DONOR CONSENT FORMS.

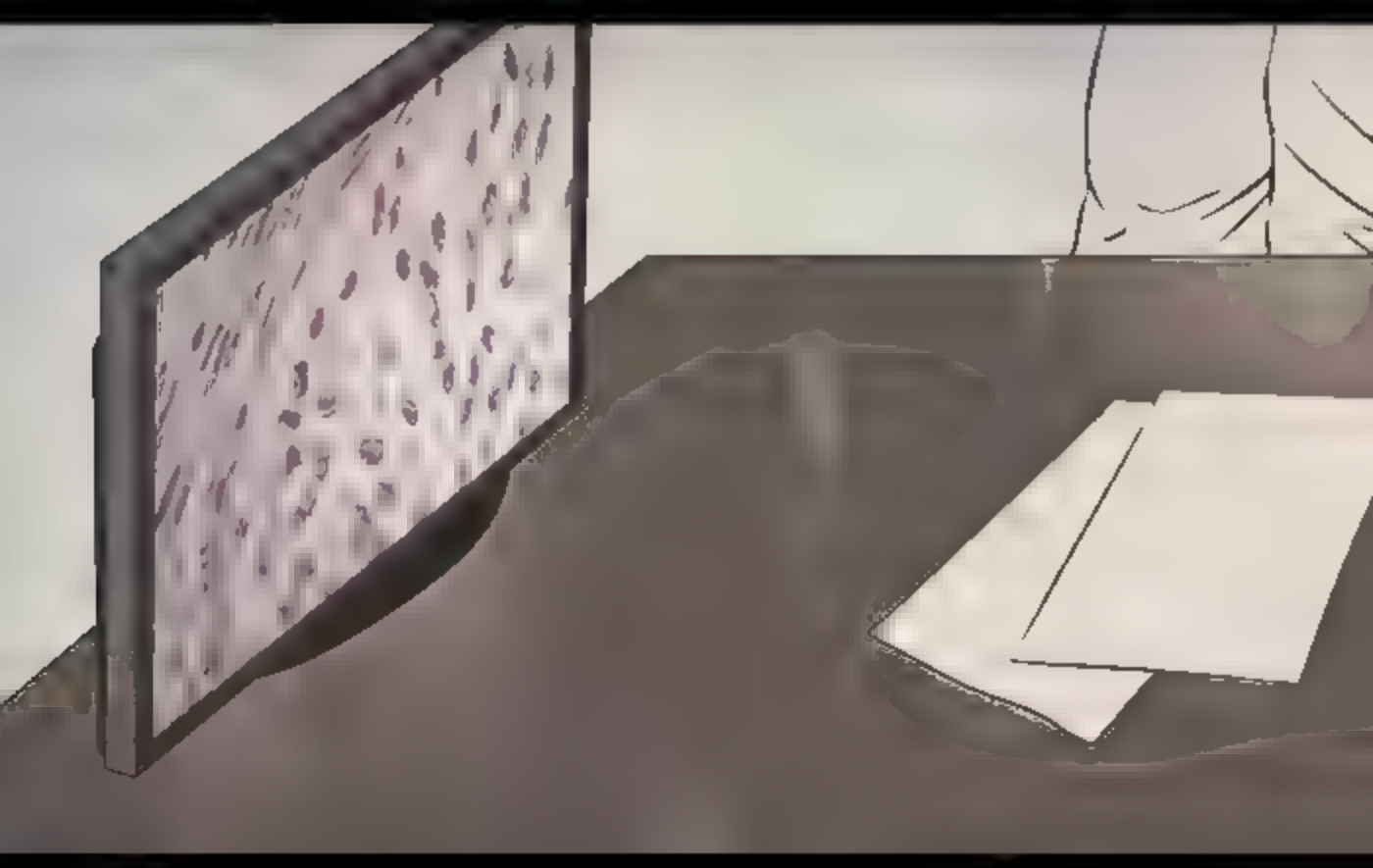
AND WITH MY SIGNATURE
AS THEIR GUARDIAN,
ALL OF THE PREPARATIONS

WERE COMPLETE.

DOCTOR.
MY ORGANS CAN BE TRANSPLANTED INTO MY SONS, RIGHT?

THE DOCTOR SEEMED TO DISAPPROVE.

HE SAID, OBVIOUSLY IT ISN'T SIMPLY
AN ISSUE OF MAKING IT POSSIBLE
OR IMPOSSIBLE.



HE TOLD ME THAT NO MATTER WHAT KIND OF CONSENT I OBTAIN OR DOCUMENTS I PREPARE,

IT'S SOMETHING THAT HE CAN'T BRING HIMSELF TO DO AS A HUMAN BEING, NOT AS A DOCTOR.

I DON'T KNOW WHERE IT STARTED,

I DON'T KNOW WHY IT HAPPENED TO ME OF ALL PEOPLE,

BUT THIS HEREDITARY DISEASE HAD BEEN PASSED ALONG FOR GENERATIONS.

I PERSUADED HIM, SAYING THAT SOMEONE HAD TO END THIS CURSE.

I SAID THAT I HAD LIVED ENOUGH, AND THAT I DIDN'T WANT ANY REGRETS IN LIFE.

I CONVINCED HIM THAT ONLY THEN WOULD THIS MISERABLE CYCLE END.

YOU SAID IT YOURSELF, DOCTOR. METASTASIS IS QUICK IN CHILDREN.

AND THERE'S A HIGH CHANCE OF PROBLEMS OCCURRING IN THE FUTURE, TOO.

PLEASE DO AS I SAY. I'M BEGGING YOU.
AS A DOCTOR, PLEASE MAKE A RATIONAL DECISION.

I RESENTED GOD.

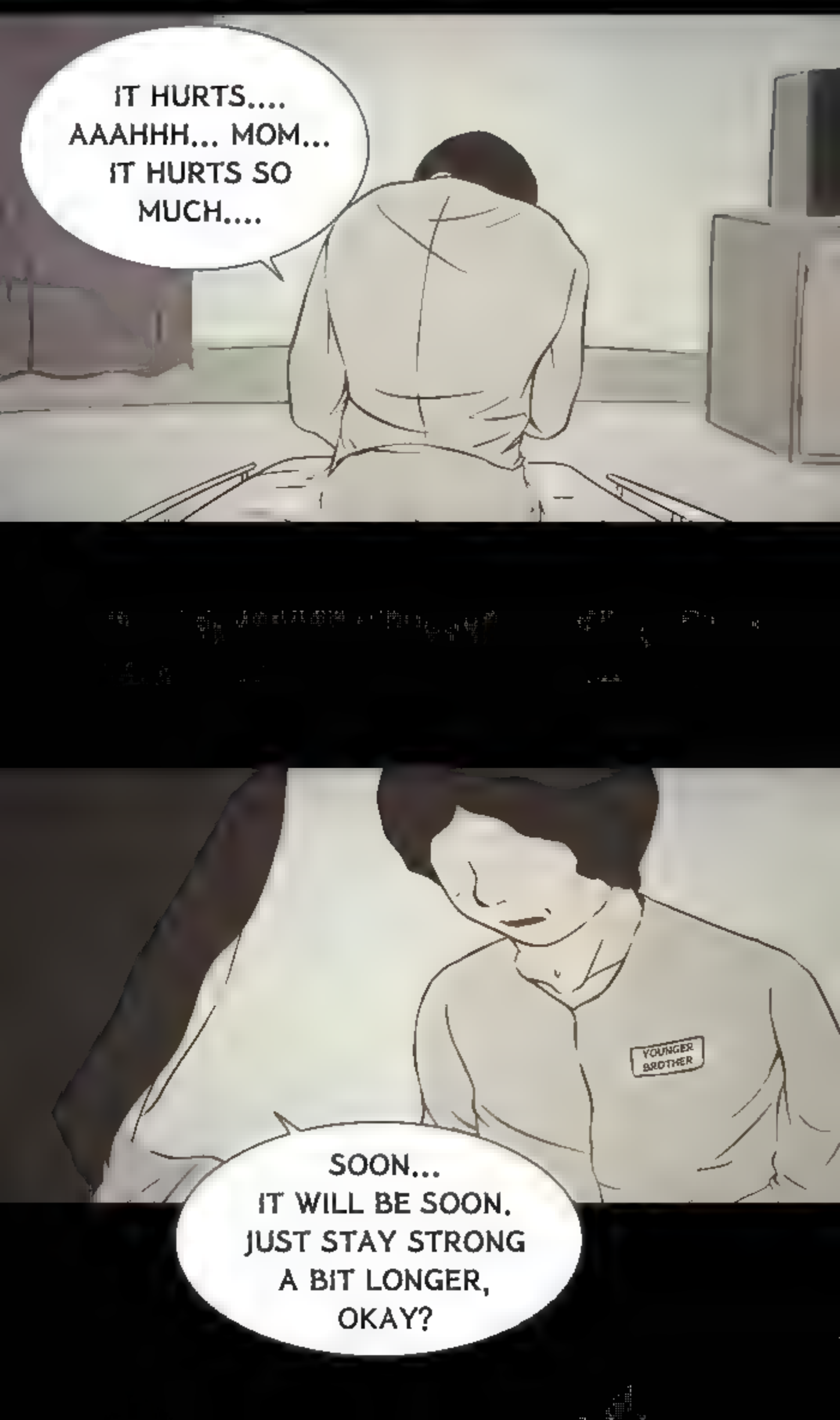
WHY WOULD BOTH OF MY CHILDREN DEVELOP A DISEASE SO EARLY IN LIFE, AND IN THE EXACT SAME WAY?

JUST HANG
IN THERE...
A BIT LONGER....
I'M GOING TO FIND
A WAY....

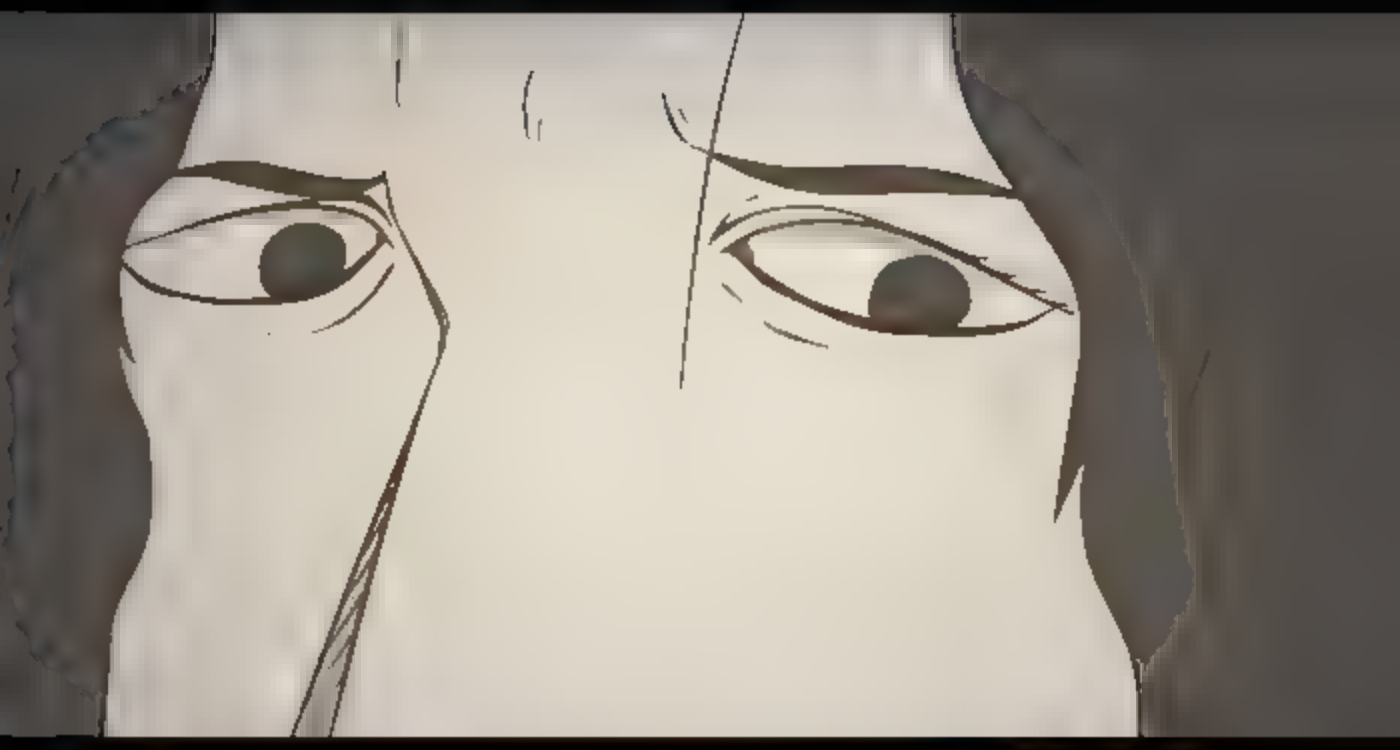
OLDER BROTHER

IF THE DISEASE HAD OCCURRED
JUST A LITTLE BIT LATER,

IF IT HAD AT LEAST OCCURRED
IN THEM ONE AT A TIME,


IT HURTS....
AAAHHH... MOM...
IT HURTS SO
MUCH....
YOUNGER
BROTHER
SOON...
IT WILL BE SOON.
JUST STAY STRONG
A BIT LONGER,
OKAY?

THEN I COULD HAVE BOUGHT SOME MORE TIME!
JUST A BIT MORE.

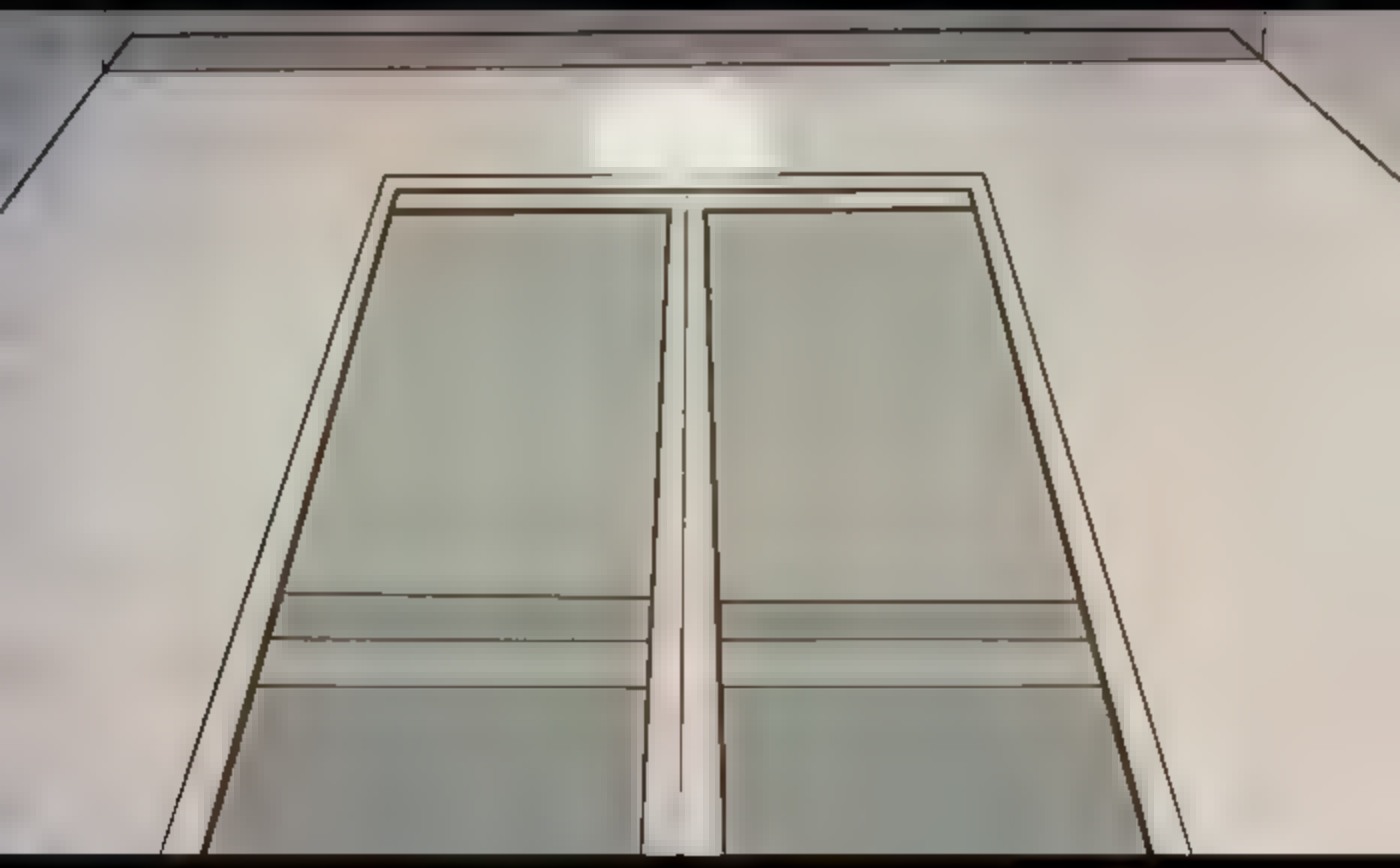


JUST HANG IN THERE A BIT LONGER....

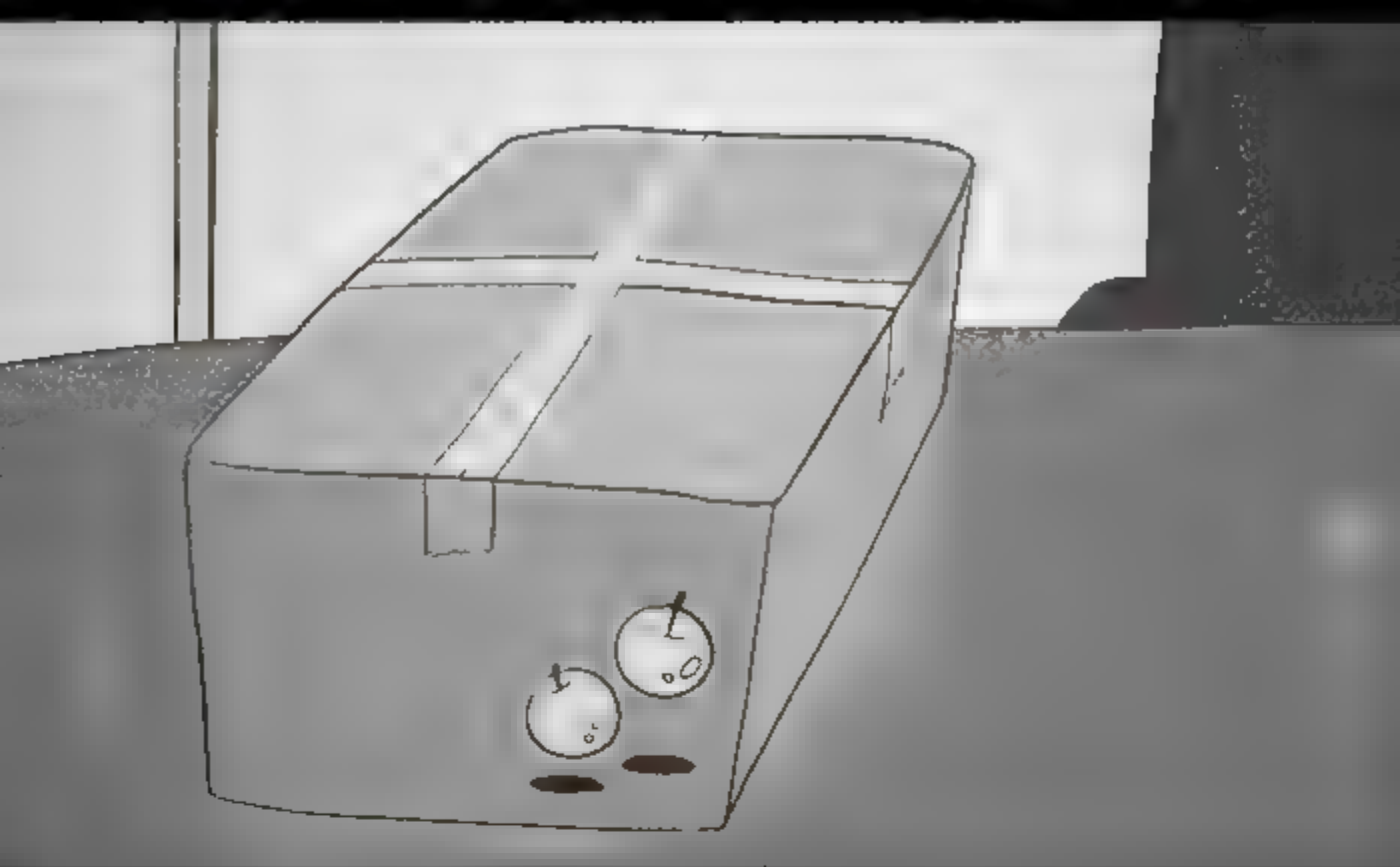
I'M DOING MY BEST...

WE FINALLY GOT A DATE FOR THE SURGERY.

MY SINCERITY FINALLY GOT TO THE DOCTOR.



ONE OF THE WAYS OF
EXPRESSING THAT SINCERITY

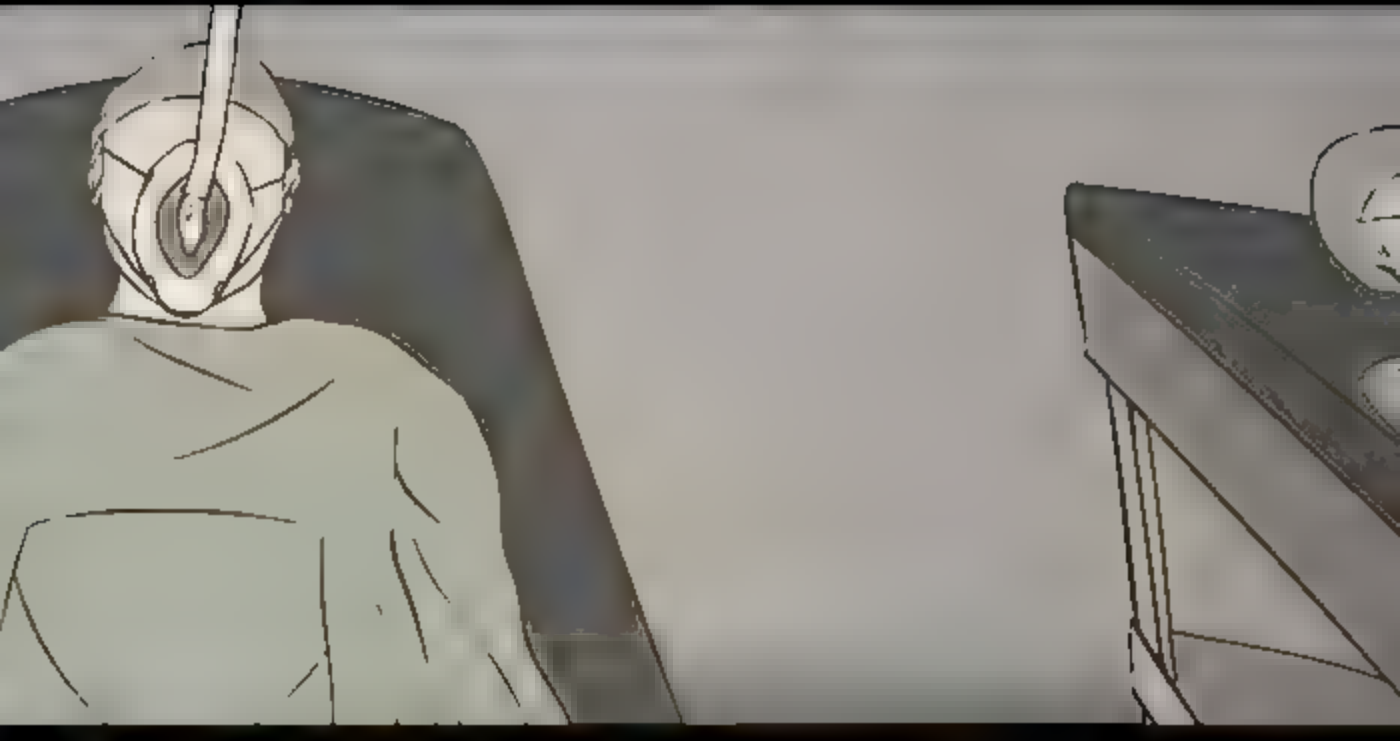


WAS TO USE MOST OF THE INSURANCE MONEY
THAT I GOT UNDER MY HUSBAND'S NAME,

BUT I FIGURED THAT
THIS WAS A GOOD DEAL

FOR SILENCING SEVERAL PEOPLE

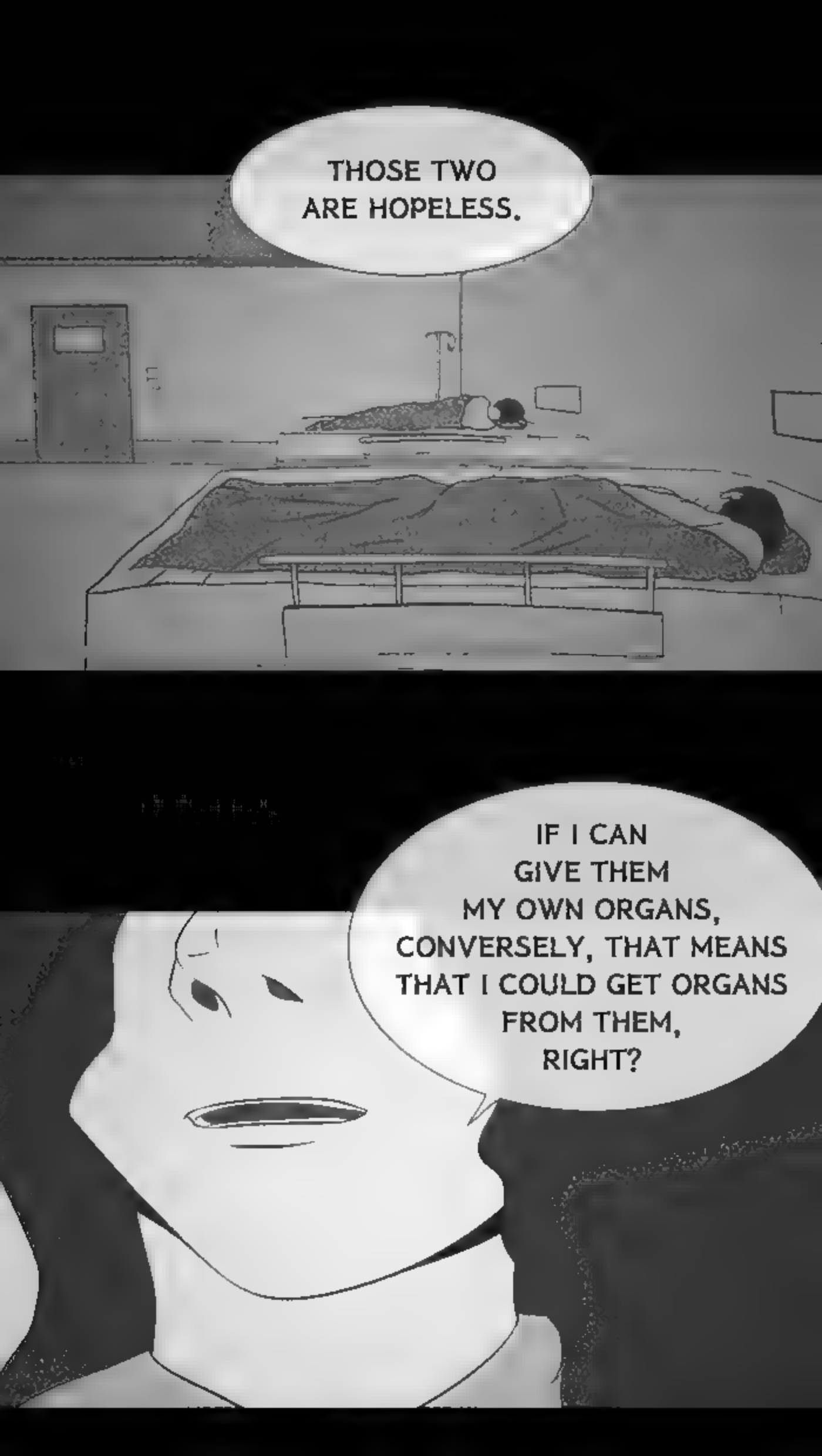
AND BUYING ONE PERSON'S CONSCIENCE.



LET'S BEGIN.

AS A DOCTOR, PLEASE MAKE A RATIONAL DECISION.

I KNOW THAT EVEN WITH NORMAL TRANSPLANT SURGERIES, PEOPLE WITH LONGER LIFE EXPECTANCIES ARE GIVEN PRIORITY.
GULP....


THOSE TWO ARE HOPELESS.
IF I CAN GIVE THEM MY OWN ORGANS, CONVERSELY, THAT MEANS THAT I COULD GET ORGANS FROM THEM, RIGHT?

THAT'S RIGHT.
SAVING THE PERSON WHO COULD LIVE WAS A RATIONAL DECISION.

WHATEVER CRITICISM OR REPROACH I MAY FACE, IT SOUNDS COLD-HEARTED, BUT THAT WAS THE BEST THING TO DO.

I HAD NO REGRETS.

MONEY, AND CHILDREN.

THOSE WERE THINGS THAT
I COULD ALWAYS MAKE AGAIN.

I THOUGHT THAT
EVERYTHING HAD GONE WELL.

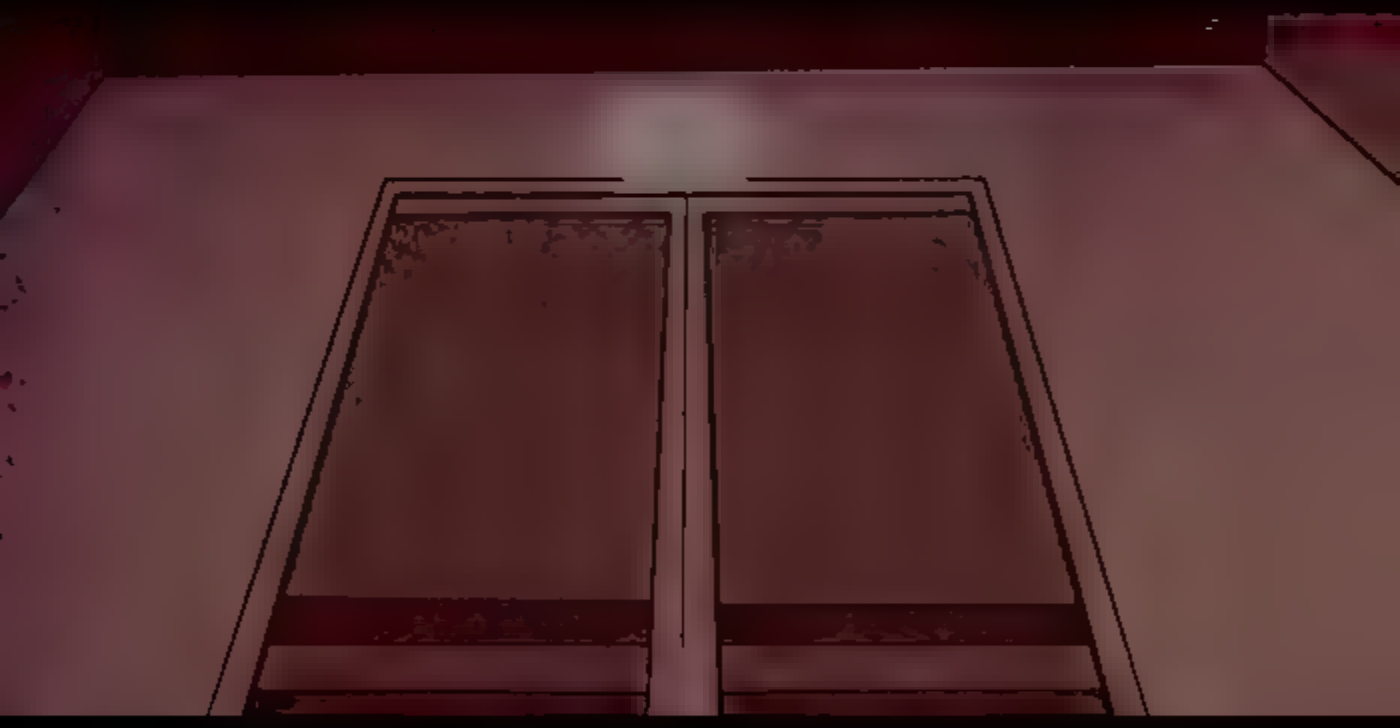
I THOUGHT THAT I HAD GOTTEN MY WAY.

BUT I'LL TRY TO FIND A WAY.

BUT,
UNFORTUNATELY,

A COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED
INCIDENT OCCURRED

IN THIS PLAN WHICH I HAD
THOUGHT WAS PERFECT.



AS THE DIRECTOR IN CHARGE
OF RUNNING THE HOSPITAL,
NOT AS A DOCTOR,

AS A HUMAN BEING WORRIED
ABOUT RUMORS LEAKING,
NOT AS A DOCTOR,

BEEEEEEEEEP-

HE MADE A FAR MORE RATIONAL 'CHOICE'

THAN I HAD EVER EXPECTED.

BEEEEEEP-
.....

AND SO
MY SONS AND I LEFT THIS
WORLD ON THE SAME DAY,
AT THE SAME MOMENT.

AND THIS PLACE

MOM?

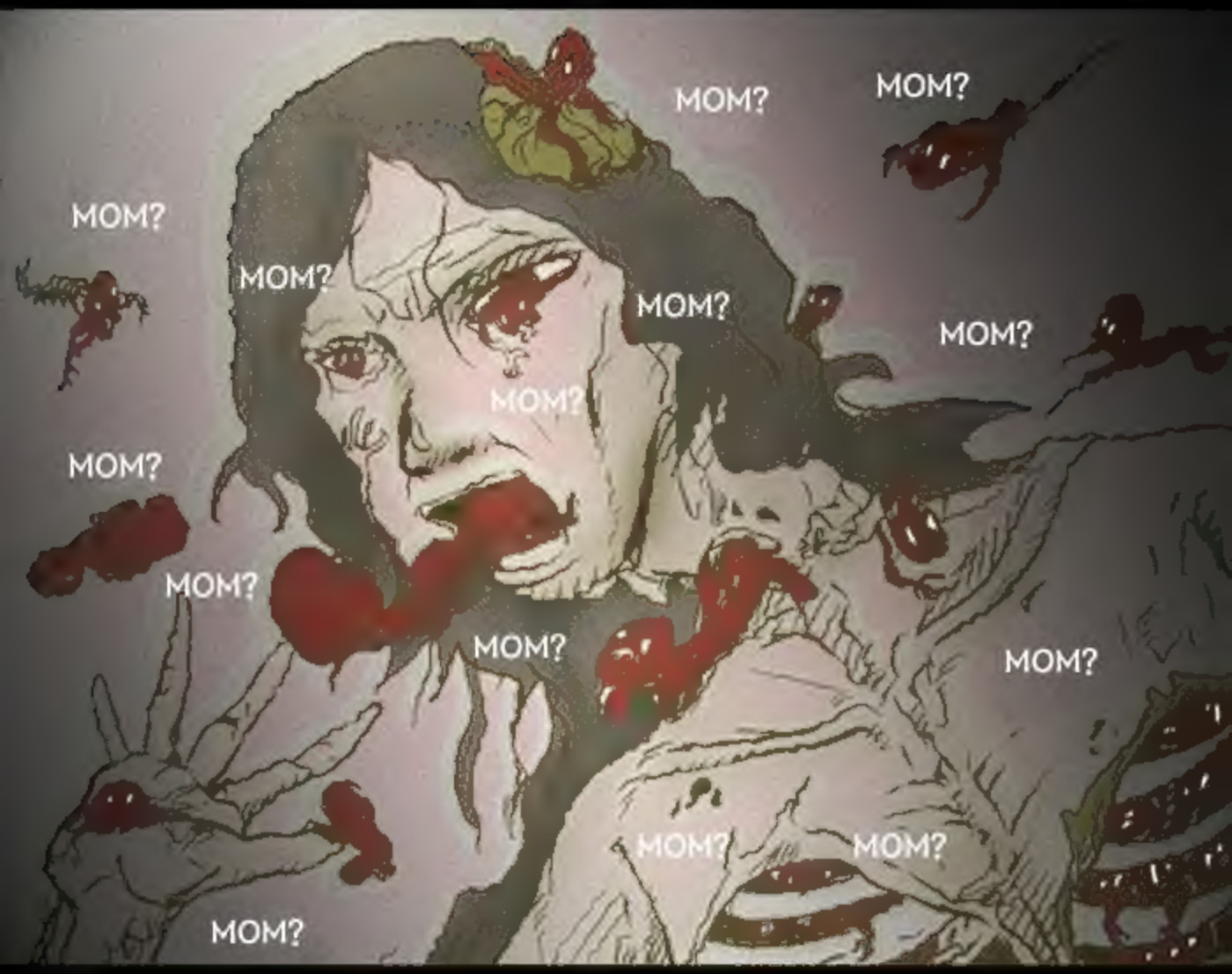
IS PROBABLY

MOM?

MOM?

MOM?

MOM?



MOM?

MOM?

HELL.

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